# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that 22 districts of Maharashtra are badly affected from severe winter/untimely rain;

(b) if so, whether the Government have provided any assistance to the State Government;

(c) the details of assistance given to State Government by Central Government during the last year, item-wise;

(d) whether the Government have fully utilised this assistance amount for the purpose for which it was allocated;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of said amount for this purpose?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (f): On the basis of memorandum received from the State of Maharashtra, a Central Team visited the affected areas. Taking into account the report of Central Team, the High Level Committee decided that in view of availability of adequate funds under Calamity Relief Fund(CRF), no Central assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) was found admissible.The entire Central share of CRF forthe State during the year 2001-02 has been released. Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government